

A
MESSAGE

Sent from the

King of Scots,

TO THE
Most Illustrious and Puissant Prince, the
KING of SPAIN.

IN ANSWER
To his Majesties ROYAL MESSAGE, sent
by the Marquess of *Caracene*, to his
Court at BRUSSELS.

AS ALSO
A Letter from the DUKE of YORK, to the KINGS
most EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

With the Oath taken by the Lords, Knights and
Gentle-men. And the KINGS Declaration
to his liege people, in order to his
CORONATION.

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THe King of *Spain* having sent an expresse to *Charles* the Second and his Brother the Duke of *York*, assuring them both of men and moneys for the restoring them to their Crown and Dignities: As also to dignifie the Duke with the Princely Title of Lord High Admiral of all his Fleets both in *Europe* and the two *Indies*; His Majesty and the Duke returned these following Answers by the Earle of *Bristol*.

*The Answer of Charles the second to
the King of Spains Messenger.*

MY LORD,

THe accumulation of His Catholick Majesties favours so amply spread over my persecutions, have as often represented to my thoughts the comforts where-with the holy Angels or rather the most Sacred Trinity refreshed the great Patriarch *Jacob* in his wondrings, such seasonable Consolations have they been to me in my Pilgrimage.

My cogitations have not unthankfully entertained the belief that his Majesty appears to be most worthily the Delight and Favorite of him by whom Kings Reign, because, like the faithful Steward, he will be found alwayes doing good.

Tis true that I also have a portion in my Saviours earthly Travels; for as his, so my Nation owns me not; As he so I, in our Mortal comparison, I am persecuted from City to City, and from one Nation to another People; My Father of blessed Memory trod the presse, and I his sorrowing Son drink of the streams; He was the Heir who most inhumanely his own Subjects and servants Murthered, and that Possession is mine Inheritance which as yet they are pleased to call their own.

I am therefore most bound to receive as well as alwayes to record this Gracious Tender of the King your Master, in assisting the Vindication of my glorified Fathers Sufferings, and the recovery of mine own Dominions.

For these his Majesties Royal Bounties, I shall shortly add to my present acknowledgements my more Immediate Gracitudes by Messengers of my own.

It now remains, My Lord, that your Excellency be partaker of my retaliations, which must be such as the interruption of my present abilities will afford, the expression resting chiefly upon words, I shall dispose them with that far travelling *Sa-
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bean Queen, in a measurable admiration of the great Trusts and Distributions which God hath reposed upon the Prudence, Justice and Piety of your Master, and the felicity of your Excellence, and others his Servants, most happy to live within the Illumination of such a Son of Heaven.

Signed, CHARLES R.

The Duke of Yorks Answer.

AS to the Interest of my obligation to His Catholick Majesty (my noble Lord and fellow-Souldier) blame me not if this sudden surprizal make my Reply far short of that account which my future actions shall endeavour to enlarge.

He who shall review the precedent Glories of the *Austrian* Merits, who in all Ages have been the Invincible Bulwark of Christendom against their powerful enemy the Turk, shall have no leisure to meditate a dispute, but rather to court such a Service.

It hath ever been the Impresse and Motto of our *British* Kings Sons, *To Serve*, till their lawful opportunity and appointment should come to Reigne, and (with the leave of mine own Sovereign) I shall (by embracing these your Masters Offers) account my self to have fallen into the paths of my Ancestor King *Richard* of *England* the first of that Name, and endeavour to continue his Fame which Time cannot extinguish for the pious Services he undertook and most Christianly discharged in behalf of Christs persecuted Members and the Catholick Church in those holy Wars against the *Saracens*.

Nor am I here to forget the Piety and goodnesse of his Catholick Majesty, who notwithstanding the different opinions so long and unhappily somented between our professions in Gods Worship, and those opportunities which others have

converted to their own designs, His Majesty hath nevertheless, like a most Christian Prince, left us and our Divine Celebrations to our own Devotion and Conscience.

My Lord, your Excellency hath claim to no small blessing, in being the Messenger from so pious and puissant a King of Tydings consolatory to Princes so unjustly persecuted, this benediction of Heaven shall by me be imitated in all opportunities which on your behalf shall meet or invite my endeavours, though none can compare with those Celestial Graces which have inspired you with the Dictates of the holy Ghost, and invested you with the Office of the holy Angels.

Signed, YORK.



THE

The OATH of ALLEGIANCE,

Enacted, 13. Iacobi, Cap. 4.

Which Oath was solemnly taken by every Member
of both Houses of PARLIAMENT.

I A. B. do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify, and declare in my Conscience before God and the World, That our Sovereign Lord ~~KING Charles~~ is lawful and rightful King of this Realm, and of all other His Majesties Dominions and Countreys; and that the Pope neither of himself, nor by any Authority of the Church or See of Rome, or by any other means with any other, hath any power or authority to depose the King, or to dispose any of his Majesties Kingdoms or Dominions, or to authorize any foreign Prince to invade or annoy him, or his Countreys, or to discharge any of his Subjects of their Allegiance, and obedience to his Majesty, or to give License, or leave to any of them to bear Armes, raise Tumult, or to offer any violence or or hurt to his Majesties Royal Person, State or Government, or to any of his Majesties Subjects within his Majesties Dominions.

Also, I do swear from my heart, That, notwithstanding any Declaration, or Sentence of Excommunication, or Deprivation made or granted, or to be made or granted by the Pope, or his Successors, or by any authority derived, or pretended to be derived from him, or his See, against the said King, his Heirs, or Successors, or any Absolution of the said Subjects from their obedience: I will bear faith and true Allegiance to His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors; and him and them will defend to the uttermost of my power, against all Conspiracies and

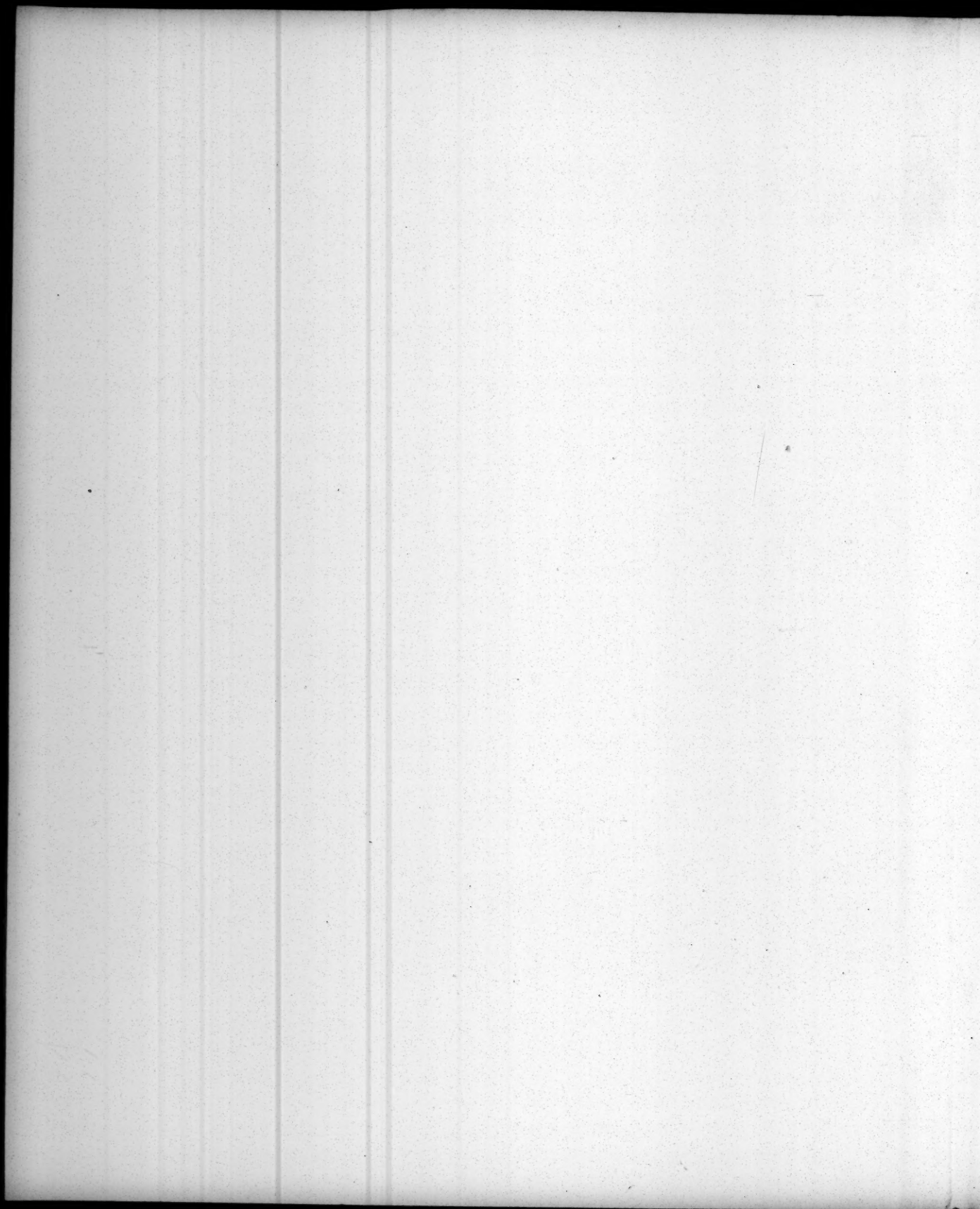
and Attempts whatsoever, which shall be made against His or their Persons, their Crown and Dignitie be reason or colour of any such Sentence or Declaration, otherwise : and will do my best endeavour to disclose and make known unto His Majesty, his Heirs and Successors, all Treasons and Traiterous Conspiracies which I shall know or hear of to be against Him, or any of them.

So help me God.

Now since it is apparent, that **CHARLES** the Second, is our Lawfull **KING**, and that the Oath of Allegiance binds us to preserve His Majesties Person, Let us therefore prepare for the day of his Coronation; Since that he hath been pleased to declare, That he Esteemes the affections of his Good People more then the Crowns of many Kingdomes, and shall be ready by Gods assistance to bestow His Life in their defence, Wishing to live no longer then he may see Religion, and his Kingdomes flourish in all happiness.

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